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Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching Awards

The 1993 Iowa recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching have been announced. Cindy Earlene Roberts of Lake View Auburn Community Schools was selected as the awardee in the Elementary Science category. The awardee in the Secondary Science category was Hector Ibarra of West Branch Middle School.

Awardees travel to Washington, D.C., where they receive their awards, exchange information and expertise with members of Congress and leading national educators, and are personally congratulated by President Clinton. In addition, each teacher receives a National Science Foundation grant of \$7,500 and a generous array of gifts from the private sector.

The recipients were selected from among the state finalists announced last fall. Other finalists at the elementary level were Virginia Workman Elliott, STC Intermediate School, Tama and Candace Ann Kilburg, Center Point-Urbana. Secondary finalists were Douglas Edward Nauman, Washington High School, Cedar Rapids and John Held Zietlow, West Delaware County Community School, Manchester.

--J.M.H.

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